Lovely Strange Dark

ULTRABAROQUE DEPROGRAMMER

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CHAPTER 6

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CHAPTER6●PERSONALITY MELTDOWN❶

There's no doubt about it, it's Psychic Work!
I've heard rumors that they work like a cult,
but no one knows what really goes on inside that wacher faction.
They would know that I'm a deprogrammer, too.
Are they the ones that crashed me?

And Nobiru
click
LET'S GO, DEPRO-GRAMMER I'LL SHOW YOU AROUND
I'll have to give it ago at deprogram him.
...LOOK, I KNOW YOU DUG THROUGH THAT TRASH HEAP FOR SOME CLOTHES, BUT THERE ARE BETTER ONES IN THERE.
YOU LOOK LIKE SOME LATIN AMERICAN CON-MAN.
LIKE YOU KNOW WHAT THOSE LOOK LIKE!

SO THIS IS THE DORM IN SAITAMA YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT?
THE CEILING'S FULL OF HOLES.
WE'RE STILL IN TOKYO.
I GO TO MY DORM EVERY NOW AND THEN, BUT THAT LEAVES NOBIRU ALONE HERE.
I GUESS I STAY HERE A LOT BECAUSE I'M WORRIED HE MIGHT GET ATTACKED.
ARE—
AREN'T YOU BEING A LITTLE CASUAL ABOUT GETTING ATTACKED!?

SQUATTERS... YOU MEAN PEOPLE WHO JUST LIVE IN EMPTY BUILDINGS?
NOBIRU'S CLAIMED THIS WORKSHOP
THERE'RE A LOT OF SQUATTERS AROUND HERE, SO IT'S PRETTY COMMON FOR THEM TO GET INTO FIGHTS OVER PLACES.
I'D SEE GUYS LIKE THAT ALL THE TIME IN BERLIN, BUT HERE IN JAPAN?
WELL, BETWEEN THE SAIGON TRUST AND BLASTER BEATS SQUATTER GANGS, THE SITUATION IS PRETTY STRAINED.
BUT THIS PLACE IS JUST FOR NOBIRU AND ME
FOR REAL? BUT AREN'T YOU UP AGAINST A BUNCH OF GANGSTER TYPES THAT'RE LIKE THIS HARDCORE?
This much!
He's got traps set up around where he squats.
That's what's so cool about Nobiru.
in all the places that someone could attack from.

I MADE THE COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR IT.
AND THERE'S A SECRET ESCAPE ROUTE IF WE NEED IT.
WE'VE GOT CATAPULTS SET AND SECTIONS OF THE FLOOR THAT CAN CAVE IN.
THOUGH I DUNNO HOW SAFE IT IS. THERE'RE PLACES WITH HIGH VOLTAGE AND STUFF.
HEY, PLEASE TELL ME ABOUT THAT!
..THE HELL? SO YOU MADE YOUR OWN TOWER DEFENSE GAME..
HUH?

I MEAN, HE LIVES SOME-WHERE ELSE, RIGHT?
?
I DON'T GET WHAT YOU MEAN
SO THAT KID —— NOBIRU, HE'S A LONG-DISTANCE SQUATTER?
SORRY, BUT YOU'RE TOTALLY WRONG.
HE'S ABOUT THE AGE WHERE KIDS WANT SECRET BASES.
SO HE CAN LISTEN TO MUSIC AT FULL BLAST AND STUFF. THAT'S WHY HE COMES HERE, RIGHT?
HE JUST PLAYS AT BEING A SQUATTER

before then.
He was just standing right in front of St. Augustine's that day.
He doesn't remember anything.
THIS IS NOBIRU'S HOME.
I first met him three years ago.

NO WAY!
HUH? SO HE'S JUST LIKE ME?
I MEAN, THIS SONG, YOU THINK IT'S A CD OR SOMETHING, DON'T YOU?
NOBIRU'S WAY COOLER THAN YOU ARE!

The two of us had gotten pretty close at the hospital.
so maybe that's why he doesn't mind me being here.

but he wandered off right away.

but no one knew who he was.
They investigated and ran an article in the newspaper.
Chika tried to look after him at her house.

IT'S NOBIRU SINGING.

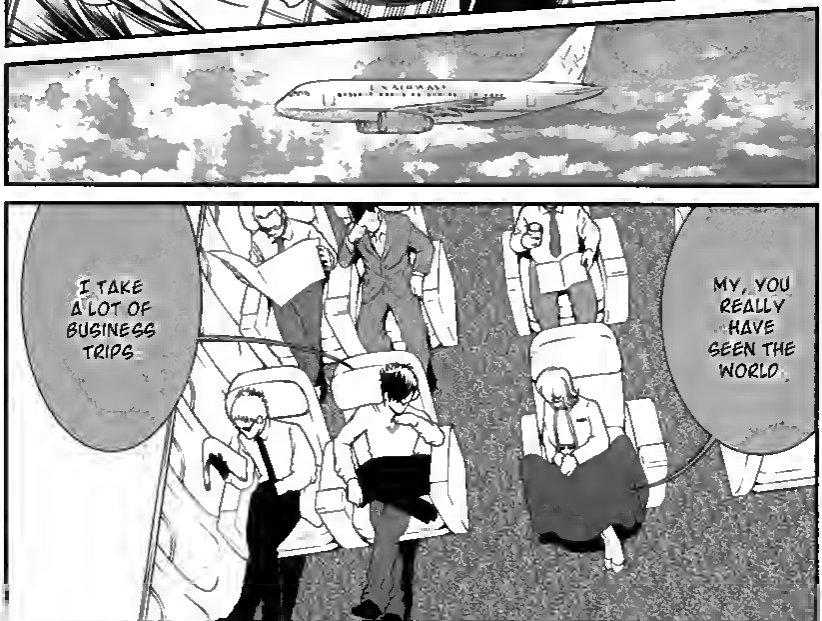
There's no way that little kid could produce this volume of sound...!

RUMBLE
!
UM, WHY'D YOU START WAVING YOUR HEAD AROUND?
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S—
Shit! I fell into his trap!
The command melody—!
DEPRO-GRAM-MER?
!?
GRAB

Crack
crack
Ha
Ha

IF YOU DON'T, YOU'LL WIND UP RIGHT BACK WHERE YOU STARTED!
SHAKE IT OFF!
SEVER THE COMMAND MELODY!
RUMBLE

AH HHH HHH HH!


I TAKE A LOT OF BUSINESS TRIPS
MY, YOU REALLY HAVE SEEN THE WORLD

WHERE IN AMERICA WILL YOU BE VISITING THIS TIME?
IF I SAID THE LAS VEGAS OF THE SOUTH, WHAT WOULD YOU GUESS?
THAT'S A TOUGH ONE.
"DAVID JONES, PRESIDENT OF REAL LIFE, DIED A MYSTERIOUS DEATH."
"THE CEO DIED AT A PROMINENT AMERICAN SEMINAR
SUICIDE SUSPECTED"

SLAM
OK, TIME TO GO!
AHH!
BE A BUTTER-FLY!
YEAH! BE A FLOWER! AHHH!
SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE
DON'T STOP FOR ANY-THING!
DON'T STOP FOR ANYTHING, DON'T STOP FOR ANYTHING!
STOP THE ROMANCE!
STOP THE RO-MANCE!
SOMEONE
WIGGLE
WIGGLE
WIGGLE

FUCK THE HEART-BREAK,
YEAH!
Windsurfing

haa
haa
haa
STOP...
IT... STOPPED...
HAHA HAHA HAHA
AHA HAHA HAHA
haa
HA... HA...
...HAHA...
haa

—THAT WASN'T HALF BAD, CONSIDERING YOU'RE STILL RECOVERING.
THAT'S THE FIRST I'VE HEARD OF A COMMAND MELODY.
CLICK
CLICK

NOBIRU'S SONG JUST GETS INTO STIFF MUSCLES AND LOOSENS THEM UP.
BUT IT'S NOT ANYTHING SCARY LIKE THAT.
THAT'S WHAT'S SO COOL ABOUT HIM!
SO HIS SONG LOOSENED MY MUSCLES?
IT'S TRUE! THAT'S HOW HE CAN USE HIS SONG TO SET PEOPLE FREE!

LISTEN, IT'S ALSO POSSIBLE THAT I'M SINGING SOMETHING LIKE THAT WITHOUT REALIZING IT.
...IF THAT WERE TRUE...
OR RATHER, IN THAT CASE, HE CAN PROBABLY SING A COMMAND MELODY.
THIS GUY'S ACTUALLY FACED OFF WITH PEOPLE LIKE THAT BEFORE.
YOU WANNA START SOMETHING!?
SORA.
I'M READY ANY TIME,

DEPRO-
GRAMMER.
He caught on quick.
He gets what I'm trying to do.
But in this condition, how much can I do?
WHAT?

READY FOR WHAT?
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
Depro-gramming Nobiru—

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